



## REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Pastor: Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark, our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

People: **Yes, I believe.**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## MONTHLY VERSE (Matthew 4:19)

*"And [Jesus] said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.'"*

## SONG

**"Christ Our Hope In Life and Death"**

**#49 Key of E**

**Vs.1** *What is our hope in life and death  
Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand  
What comes apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand*

**Chorus** **O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death**

**Vs.2** *What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known  
In our great Redeemer's blood*

*Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ*

**(Chorus)**

**Vs.3** *Unto the grave what will we sing  
Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore*

**(Chorus 2X)**

**Tag** *Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death*

## FIRST READING

**Hosea 5:15-6:6**

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.

“Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. <sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. <sup>3</sup> Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.” <sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. <sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. <sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### SECOND READING

**Romans 4:13-25**

<sup>13</sup> For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup> No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

## GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 9:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup> But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

## SONG OF THE DAY

**"I Will Follow"**

**#18 Key of F**

**Intro** *Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow*

**Vs.1** *All Your ways are good  
All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight  
High above my life  
I will trust in You alone*

**Chorus** *Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow (You)  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow (You)  
(Yeah I will follow You yeah)*

**Vs.2** *Light into the world  
Light into my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek  
Knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone  
In You alone*

**(Chorus)**

**Bridge** *In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy  
And I will follow*

**(Chorus 2X)**

*I will follow You yeah  
I will follow You yeah*

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## MESSAGE

### ATTENDANCE / CONNECT TIME & OFFERING (Instrumental) **"I Will Follow"**

*During this time, please sign the attendance book found in the pew or use your mobile device to fill out the Connect Card or submit prayer requests on our app or online at [www.trinitymerrill.com/live](http://www.trinitymerrill.com/live). You can also visit our app or [www.trinitymerrill.com/give](http://www.trinitymerrill.com/give) to learn more about other ways to support the ministries at Trinity. **(When filling out the attendance book, please include your last names and list the names of everyone in attendance in your family)***

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING SONG

**"Sing Wherever I Go"**

**# 59 Key of A**

**Chorus** *All my life  
All I know  
God's been good  
Good to my soul  
Mountain high  
Valley low  
I'm gonna sing wherever I go  
(Repeat)*

**Vs.1** *God is for me  
He's not against me  
I will hold to the plans He has for me  
When I'm broken  
He will fix me  
I will call on the name of the Lord*

**(Chorus)**

**Vs.2** *He's my heartsong  
In my sorrow  
He's my hope and my strength for  
tomorrow  
When the storms rise  
All around me  
I will call on the name of the Lord*

**Chorus** *All my life  
All I know  
God's been good  
Good to my soul  
Mountain high  
Valley low  
I'm gonna sing wherever I go*

**Bridge** *I got joy joy joy  
Deep in my soul*  
**(Instrumental)**  
*I will sing sing sing  
Wherever I go*  
**(Chorus 2X)**

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**Today's radio broadcast** is sponsored in loving memory of Walter & Ann Koebe and Bob Koebe by Jim Koebe.

**The Flowers on the altar** are sponsored by Clark & Bonnie Callahan in celebration of 54 Years of marriage on June 3.

**SAVE THE DATE – Rainforest Falls – Trinity VBS** is coming June 22<sup>nd</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed. Please call the church office if you would like to help by being a part of this fun exploration of the nature of God and His children.

### **Circuit 6 Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build**

Please join the Merrill area LCMS churches on June 27th from 9am-1pm at the Merrill Sell Building! Sign up will be located in the Narthex. We will be constructing beds for those in the Merrill area that do not have a bed! Our goal is to build 50 beds this year. \$250 builds a bunk bed. Special donation envelopes can be found at the Adopt a Bill sign in the Narthex. Checks are payable to SHP- Spencer Chapter. Donations of twin sized bedding are also needed and can be dropped off with Steph Chapa. Please contact Steph at [dce@trinitymerrill.com](mailto:dce@trinitymerrill.com) with any questions!

**TRINITY SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT** -Trinity School enrollment is open! Please call our school office at 715-536-7501 for more information about enrollment for the 2026-27 school year. We provide faith-based education, uphold academic excellence, emphasize service to others, embrace Christian family values, and have a compassionate staff. We are also part of the Wisconsin School Choice program and if you qualify, your child could attend Trinity for free!

### **DO YOU NEED OUR PRAYERS?**

We are blessed to have a very active prayer ministry here at Trinity that is ready to pray with you and celebrate with you. If you or a loved one are in need of prayer, please don't hesitate to contact the church office, or visit the Trinity website under the *Connect Card* tab to submit a prayer request. There are two types of prayer requests available:

- Altar Prayers — shared during worship so that our congregation, along with those worshipping online, can join in prayer.
- Prayer Ministry Prayers — kept confidential and shared only with our dedicated prayer warriors. Prayer is powerful, and you are never alone. Please call the church office for more information.

***If you are a visitor who is interested in membership at Trinity, please contact the church office or add your phone number, email and/or address to the fellowship pad. Otherwise, we have no way to reach you to talk about membership. Thank you.***

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Trinity is actively seeking someone to take over as Coordinator for our Scrip Program. Having some bookkeeping and computer knowledge would be very helpful. You will be working with QuickBooks.

Some of the duties include:

- \* Ordering scrip
- \* Counting and balancing scrip
- \* Keeping track of school family scrip purchases
- \* Picking up scrip from local businesses
- \* Filling the scrip box at church
- \* And more

Please call the church office if this is something you would be willing to help with.

### **SANCTUARY PRAYER BOXES ARE RETURNING!**

You will find that our four (4) prayer boxes, located to the side of each exit door in the sanctuary, have been fitted with a supply of prayer cards. If you are carrying a heavy prayer burden but don't want it to be prayed from the altar: fill out the prayer card with the name and reason for prayer of the individual needing prayer and drop it in the locked prayer box. Boxes are checked weekly. Your request will be prayed for during the week by Trinity's Prayer Warriors who will keep your request in complete confidence. For those you might feel technologically challenged, this may be a more convenient means of submitting your prayer requests.

**SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM** -Many children don't get lunches over the summer when school is not in session. Trinity volunteers will hand out bag lunches from 11:30-1:00 each Thursday in June, July and August. We are looking for volunteers to help serve at Christ United Methodist Church parking lot. If you are interested in helping, please call Julie Cordova 715-393-7814. Monetary donations and donations of food that can be packed in a sack would be greatly appreciated.

***Trinity would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to John and Sherry Geiss for faithfully serving as our Scrip Coordinators for the past 12 years. Your dedication, time, and commitment have made a wonderful contribution to our mission here at Trinity, and we cannot thank you enough for all you have done to grow and strengthen this program over the years. May God bless you both richly in your retirement, and may this next chapter bring you joy, peace, and many blessings.***

**FILL THE GAZEBO FOOD DRIVE**- June 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-1:00 – The Trinity Open Hearts Food Pantry benefits from this drive. There is a basket in the Narthex if you want to help. Thank You.

**Survivors of Suicide Support Group** A support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide is available for you. A safe place to express your loss, ask questions, and share experiences with others who survivors are. This group is NOT for those contemplating suicide. If you are in crisis, call: 988 or 1-800-273-8255. Meetings are weather dependent Second Saturday of each month from 10-12 noon at Curran Bldg., 315 S. Oneida Ave. (one block N of Burger King which is located on Lincoln St., Rhinelander) Community Room, #102 on main floor. This support group is free and open to the public - If you have questions, please call Sue Mackowski 715-777-5126 or Amy Conley 715-490-6221. You are not alone!